

1. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

    a blending container;

    a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

    a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

    a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a pump operatively coupled to the foodstuffs supply line to introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container.

3. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, [according to claim 1, further] comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

an ice supply to selectively and automatically introduce ice into the blending container upon request;

a water supply to selectively and automatically introduce water into the blending container upon request.

7. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, [according to claim 1, further] comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a refrigeration system to maintain the foodstuffs supply line refrigerated.

8. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, [according to claim 1, further] comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a cleaning location sized to receive the blending container;

a cleaning liquid supply line provided at the cleaning location to automatically clean the blending container when placed within the cleaning location.

11. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, [according to claim 1] comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a peristaltic pump operatively coupled to the foodstuffs supply line to directly and automatically introduce one or more of the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request.

Please cancel claims 30-33, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claim:

41. A blending station apparatus, comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a refrigerated foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the refrigerated foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container.